

SURFACE DRAIN APPLICATION PROCESSING CHANGE

Please note that there were several changes in the surface drain permitting process for applications submitted after March 31, 2018. For more details on these changes, please read the following:

The Application and Permit for surface drains are now separate documents.



APPLICATION FOR SURFACE DRAIN

The application is now available online for download. You can find the link under Regulation & Appropriation/Drainage Permits/Drainage Applications



PERMIT DOCUMENT

The permit document is now provided to the water resource district (WRD) of jurisdiction by the Office of the State Engineer (OSE). The permit document is created by the OSE and is based upon the information provided by the applicant in the surface drain application.



APPLICATION APPROVED

A Surface Drain application is not approved by a WRD until the WRD signs and issues the permit document.



OSE CONDITIONS

OSE conditions to surface drain permits are now included in the permit document. WRDs may continue to attach additional conditions to an approved permit in addition to the OSE's permit conditions.



APPLICATION EVALUATION

The "Evaluation of Surface Drain Applications" sheet provided by the OSE no longer needs to be signed by the WRD. This sheet is now only to be used to aid the WRD in its surface drain application review.



OSE REQUEST

The OSE requests that the WRD's decision on the permit application, including the original permit document and supporting materials, be returned to OSE for filing.



Applications involving drainage of statewide or interdistrict significance still require final approval from the OSE and must be forwarded to the OSE if the application is approved by the WRD.